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## DR. FREEMAN TO LECTURE AT MISS. COLLEGE To Discuss the Rural Church



DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN

Dr. John D. Freeman, Field Secretary for Rural Missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, is to deliver a series of lectures at Mississippi College the week of May 9-15. Dr. Freeman's lectures will be given in connection with the course on the Rural Church being taught by Professor Norman O'Neal.

A cordial invitation is extended to all rural pastors and others who are interested in rural churches to attend these lectures which will be held in the Bible classroom, Tuesday through Friday from 8:55 to 9:55 each morning.

Dr. Freeman will also speak to several other groups on the campus and to two associational meetings during the week. Wednesday night he will speak at the Pleasant Hill church in Lincoln Association and Thursday night at the Navilla church in Pike association.

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## Memphis Welcomes S.B. Convention

Nearly 50,000 Baptists of Memphis and Shelby County take pleasure in welcoming the 1948 sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention to the above city. Memphian Baptists are quite typical of those found everywhere, and are quite numerous. Memphis has thirteen (and they are not superstitious) Baptist churches with more than 1,000 members in each of them. There are many more great churches with fewer members. Shelby Association has nearly sixty churches, most of which are in the city of Memphis.

Memphis is a great convention city, holding eighth place in the number of conventions it entertains in a year. Not in a long time, if ever, has Memphis looked forward to entertaining more people than it will at the forthcoming sessions of the Southern Baptist

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## Miss. College And Blue Mtn. Commencement Plans Announced

### "Old Rugged Cross" Is Favorite Hymn

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— George Bennard's "The Old Rugged Cross" is the favorite hymn on the Southern Baptist Hit Parade.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Baptist Hour, has announced the following results of a favorite hymn poll conducted in Baptist Training Unions of the Southern Baptist Convention territory:

1. The Old Rugged Cross, by George Bennard.
2. In the Garden, by C. Austin Miles.
3. Amazing Grace, by John Newton.
4. What a Friend We Have in Jesus, by Joseph Scriven.
5. Sweet Hour of Prayer, by W. W. Walford.
6. Living for Jesus, by T. O. Chisholm.
7. Heavenly Sunlight, by H. J. Zelle.
8. Never Alone, anonymous.
9. The Lily of the Valley, anonymous.
10. Have Thine Own Way, Lord, by Adelaide Poollard.
11. At the Cross, by Isaac Watts.
12. Breathe on Me, by Edwin Hatch.
13. Rock of Ages, by Augustus M. Toplady.

The hymns were sung, one each week in order of increasing favor, on a 13-week series of broadcasts over the 65 station network of the Southern Religious Radio Conferences.

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## \$107,000 In Sight For Clarke College

### Plans Made to Reach Goal of \$350,000 by September

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Clarke College Campaign held at the Baptist Building in Jackson, Dr. D. A. McCall, director, and Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, president of the school's board of trustees and executive committee, heard reports of work done and launched plans for the next phase of the 1948 activities. Approximately \$107,000 were reported in gifts, and many sections of the state are planning to take offerings this month and next, according to representatives from all districts.

Inspiring messages were given by Dr. W. E. Greene, president of the college, and Alex Taylor of Louisville, a trustee, and many other pastors and

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## Leavell and Buchanan Are Blue Mtn. Speakers Diamond Jubilee Celebration To Be Held May 29

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 3 — Blue Mountain College's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated May 29. The college, the oldest senior college for women in Mississippi, was founded seventy-five years ago by Gen. M. P. Lowrey. The anniversary will be sponsored by the National Alumnae Association of which Mrs. L. D. Marks, Memphis, Tenn., is president. Miss Monte McMahan, West Point, is president of the Junior Alumnae Association.

Business sessions in the morning will be followed by a luncheon honoring the classes of 1898, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1923, 1938, and 1943, which are having class reunions this year.

The principal meeting of the day, which will be open to everyone, will be at 2:30 p. m. and will be addressed by Mrs. Wilma Bobo Sledge, Jackson, a graduate of the College, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, and social and educational director of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

Following the afternoon meeting the new Carpenter Home for the Dean and the Auditorium of Broach Hall will be dedicated, and tea will be served.

In the evening a pageant, participation will tour the campus and inspect the new buildings. The President's Reception will be held at the home of President (Continued on Page Two)

## Whittington and Brame To Speak At Miss. Col.

Commencement exercises of the one hundred twenty-second annual session of Mississippi College will be held Sunday and Monday, June 6 and 7. Two distinguished graduates of the college will be the speakers. Dr. Webb Brame, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City will deliver the sermon and Honorable Will M. Whittington of Greenwood, Congressman from the Third District, will deliver the Baccalaureate address. Congressman Whittington is a graduate of the Class of 1898, and Dr. Brame is a member of the Class of 1907, and a class-mate of President D. M. Nelson.

Commencement events begin June 6 at 11 o'clock when Dr. Brame preaches the baccalaureate sermon. At 8 p. m. the Mississippi College Choral Choir will give a sacred concert in the Clinton Baptist Church under the direction of Professor Ellis N. Elsey.

Monday, June 7th, is graduation day and the program will begin with a breakfast on the South-west campus honoring the class of 1948. At 11 o'clock class reunions are to be held in the Alumni Building. At one o'clock the Alumni Luncheon will be served in the College Cafeteria where special tables will be reserved for the Reunion classes. During the afternoon, visitors pated in by more than one hundred beautiful girls, entitled "Imperishable

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DR. R. Q. LEAVELL



DR. JOHN H. BUCHANAN

Commencement speakers for the Blue Mountain College Diamond Jubilee celebration May 29-31. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell (left), president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will preach the baccalaureate sermon May 30. Two of his daughters attended Blue Mountain College. Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will give the commencement address May 31. His daughter, Anne, will be a freshman at Blue Mountain in September.

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### LEAVELL AND BUCHANAN

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ident and Mrs. Nelson at 4 p. m. honoring the seniors, their parents and friends and the Alumni. The graduating exercises will be held at six o'clock at the Provine Stadium when Congressman Whittington will deliver the Baccalaureate address. Dean Howard E. Spell will deliver the prizes and awards and President Nelson will deliver diplomas to the largest class in the history of the college.

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### WHITTINGTON AND BRAME

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Columns, tracing the history of the College for seventy-five years, will be presented. Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, has written in and Miss Louise Young of Jackson will direct it.

Sunday, May 30 Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of New Orleans will preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Dr. John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, will give the commencement address Monday.

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### \$107,000 IN SIGHT FOR

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laymen.

#### Recommendations Made

The group composed of trustees and advisory committee members unanimously adopted the following procedure in completing the goal set for gifts:

(1) The members of the Advisory Committee numbering about 100, and Board of Trustees will each undertake to raise \$1,000 as personal contributions, or from individuals or churches as an over and above sum by Sunday, September 26; (2) Clarke College will be 40 years old in September 1948. Sunday, September 26 was set as another great Clarke College Campaign offering day. It was agreed that workers would seek 1000, 2000, or 3000 persons giving \$40 each, by or on, that date. Their names will be memorialized and kept under glass in the building. It was agreed that 20,000 of the more than 350,000 Baptists will be asked for \$5 each that day. Their names will be kept in a "Book of Remembrance" in the college; (3) Churches having not already done so in every association are urged to put \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 or some such amount in their 1948 budget for Clarke College; (4) Churches having a surplus in the treasury are urged to vote a worthy sum for this great college; (5) The Special Gifts Committee headed by Rev. W. Lowrey Compere will continue to work; (6) Association-wide Clarke College meetings are urged with Dr. W. E. Greene or some other proper and capable person as the speaker; (7) A radio hook-up, state wide in scope, was agreed upon if it can be worked out; (8) Church treasurers are urged to send in promptly all monies for this campaign; (9) Pastors are urged to contribute honorarium of one revival this summer to this campaign; (10) The trustees are planning immediately to start the first building with the monies in hand.

It was generally agreed that the things needed now are a great deal of prayer and a great deal of work.

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### 42 Additions At Calvary, Pascagoula

Rev. B. S. Hilbun recently assisted Calvary Church, Pascagoula and Pastor M. S. Varnado in a revival meeting which resulted in 42 additions.

According to Mr. Hilbun, the pastor and church had made excellent preparation for the meeting. 62 cottage prayer meetings with a total attendance of 878 had been held.

Calvary church has enjoyed a phenomenal growth under the ministry of Rev. M. S. Varnado and his capable wife. In the 28 months of his pastorate there have been 600 additions.

### Youth Revival Volunteer



MISS LAURA THOMPSON

Miss Laura Thompson, Blue Mountain, is a volunteer for this summer's Youth Revival Crusade.

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### Laurel First Has Youth Week

First Church, Laurel, Rev. James W. Parrish, pastor, observed Youth Week April 25-May 2.

The following members from the Intermediate and Young People's Departments served as church officers: pastor, Tommy Whitehead; pastor emeritus, Johnny Boyles; chairman of deacons, Jack May; deacons, Rudolph Dunnam, Bill Mauldin, Lucius Geer, Ralph Simmons, Stevie Bateman, Gaston White, Harold Jones, Charles Thomas; choir director, William Jackson; organist, Barbara Lee, church clerk, Raymond Walters; Sunday School superintendent, Billie Rayner; Superintendent adult department, Lucius Greer; superintendent intermediate department, Edward Gray; superintendent junior department, Greta Garbo, superintendent young people department, E. D. Hurst, Jr.; superintendent primary department, Dot McNeill; superintendent beginner department, Pat Maddox, supt. nursery department, Becky Sumrall; B. T. U. director, Philip Allison; adult union leader, Bill Mauldin; intermediate union leader, Jeanette Garbo; young people leader, Emily Nesom; story hour leaders, Freida Meyer and Johnny Meyer; B. T. U. general secretary, Cecil Williams, Jr.; Brotherhood president, Robert May; Y. M. U. president, Frances Evans; Young People's leader, Mary Jac Ekes; Circle leaders: Betty Coston, Patsy Hendry, Helen Ekes, Nancy Rogers, Eleanore, Ann Parker, Glenn Mary Newsom, Mary Beth Burke, Evelyn Montgomery, Peggy Laurence, Betty Hamilton, Montressa Parker; G. A. leaders: Joy Beard, Dot McCullough, Betty Sue Williams, Ann Davis, Margaret Rushton, Mary Jac Ekes, Anne Bush, Charlotte Walters; Y. W. A. leader, Greta Garbo; Sunbeam leaders, Caroline Hollingsworth, Mary Nell Gieger; Church hostess, Bobbie Ann Miller; Church secretary, Dot Kelly, R. A. leaders, Clark May, Joe Wood, Johnny Hassell, Ray Wood; chairman of ushers, Cliff Campbell, Jr., co-chairman, Stevie Bateman; ushers: Barney Meadors, James Dickey, Johnny Hassell, Lewis Winn, Billy Tittle, Buddy Landrum, W. E. Jones, Billy J. Dunnam, R. C. Darden, Bobby Moore, S. M. Welborn, Clark May, Sidney Gambrell, Randolph Strickland, Bobbie Tittle, Frank Davis.

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### MEMPHIS WELCOMES

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tist convention. The hotelmen's association has been most cooperative and have done their best to help. More homes in the membership of the Baptist churches are being opened for hospitality than ever before. Scores of homes of those not Baptists will be thrown open to help entertain this great company.

### THOMAS MARTIN HEDERMAN

When one with whom we have traveled far and pleasantly on life's journey suddenly is taken from us, often it is difficult for us to realize and accept the fact that he is gone. We think first of the last time we were with him, then of other contacts and experiences we were fortunate enough to have had with him, and finally of what his life has meant to those who knew him, and to the public in general.

Thomas Martin Hederman, Mr. Tom as many were pleased to call him who for 48 years was a member of this church and for 46 years a member of this Board of Deacons, had a fighting heart. As a boy growing up in a rural area it was a fight, along with his brother, sisters, and widowed mother for the barest necessities of life. Coming to Jackson at the age of 16 years, he fought hard to succeed with whatever work his hands found to do. His courage, fair dealings, sincerity of purpose, clean life, and courteous manner soon won for him a useful and prominent place in the affairs of the community and as the community grew, developed, and prospered, he grew and prospered with it and soon became recognized as an able leader in every worthy cause. As a stock holder and officer of various business enterprises and as editor of the Clarion Ledger, one of the most widely read daily newspapers of the south, he exerted a powerful influence for progress, substantial development and right thinking on the part of the people throughout the State of Mississippi. While he was most diligent in looking after his own personal responsibilities and interests, he was even more concerned about the efficiency of those institutions of vital importance in the lives of people of every community — schools, colleges, hospitals, and the church. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School System, and as a deacon and official of this church, he rendered an outstanding service. He never compromised on principle. His rapid rise to prominence, influence, and prosperity never turned his head. He was always the same fine friend, loyal citizen and kind-hearted Christian gentleman who loved people, and was in deed and in truth, the friend of all mankind.

About noon, Wednesday, February 25, 1948, Tom Hederman, after a busy fruitful life of 69 years, finished his work here below and joined his brother and other relatives and friends in that Home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. In his passing this Board and the church lost one of its finest and most useful members and the state one of its most forward looking, distinguished citizens.

To his wife, Mrs. Pearl Smith Hederman, his sons, Thomas, Jr. and Arnold, and other relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy. He will not be with us any more in person, but the good influence of his life will be with us and those who come after us 'till the end of time.

S/ W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS

Pastor

S/ W. A. HEWITT

Pastor Emeritus

S/ JOE S. PRICE

Chairman, Board of Deacons

S/ W. F. BOND

S/ J. M. HARTFIELD

S/ D. C. SIMMONS

S/ J. P. WALL

S/ J. H. Wells

Committee

This statement was unanimously adopted by the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, Tuesday, April 13, 1948.

S. E. L. HERRING

Secretary.

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The 1948 Southern Baptist Handbook, released this week, lists 25,319 ministers, 18,221 active pastors. However, only 11,133 churches have preaching each Sunday in the month. According to the Handbook, only 3,614 of the 26,764 churches are located in cities of more than 2500 population, and only 2550 of the churches have more than 500 members.

### CLARKE OFFERS THINGS THAT COUNT

By J. A. Travis,  
Administrative Assistant, Mississippi  
Education Association



J. A. TRAVIS

I feel that Clarke College offers a thorough, well-rounded program with major emphasis on the things that really count in life. It is a distinctive institution and meets a need that only Clarke can meet.

The present campaign for funds to strengthen Clarke College should meet with a prompt and generous response. The cause is worthy and merits the enthusiastic support of all friends of Christian education.

Editor's Note: Mr. Travis is one of Mississippi's prominent educators and out-standing Baptist laymen. He has served with signal success as Superintendent of the Meadville, Duck Hill and Eupora High Schools. After serving as Business Manager of Blue Mountain College he was with the State Department of Education for 10 years. He spent one year with Mississippi College before accepting the secretaryship of the Baptist Foundation. He recently resigned this to return to his former field, and is now serving in the strategic position of Administrative Assistant in the Mississippi Education Association with headquarters in Jackson. A native of Heidelberg in Jasper county, he was educated at Heidelberg, Clarke and Mississippi Colleges, and earned his Master's degree from Peabody and has done work at the University of Chicago. The Travis family, long devoted supporters of the Mississippi Baptist work, led in all worthwhile movements. This backing given the Clarke Campaign is just another instance of how educational leaders feel about this worthy school. The 1948 offering is expected to reflect the faith of the people in Clarke College.

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### CENTER RIDGE REJOICES

Members of the Center Ridge Church in Yazoo association are rejoicing in the happy service of their church, led at this time by Rev. Mayo Brown as pastor; John Carley as song leader; Mrs. Clarence Forsythe as pianist and L. E. Halford as secretary and treasurer. The congregation is noted for its cooperative and friendly spirit, so that members speak of it as "one great happy family, all feeling welcome and necessary to the others' joyful service."

A full program of activities is promoted, with a recent 135 attendance at Sunday school, topping the previous high record of 99 percent. Frequent "dinners-on-the grounds" enable members living at a distance to enjoy closer fellowship. They are seeking to exalt Christ in all the work done and the building program now in progress will enable them to take care of larger numbers as the days pass.



## Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581, Clinton, Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I  
My Mother  
If I were asked to give a thought which in one word would speak  
A unity of brotherhood, a sympathy complete,  
A hundred happy cheery ways, a mind that knows its own,  
Contented midst a throng of folk, yet peaceful when alone,  
A heart that sheds its silent glow, to brighten many another,  
Without a moment of delay, I'd say,  
"You mean my mother."

### CLARKE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN REPORT

Watch it grow!  
It must go!  
Make it so!  
Reported last week \$91,039.19.  
Contributions as of April 27, \$107,000.00.  
Dr. W. E. Greene has worked tirelessly in this campaign. Pastor W. L. Compere, president of the Board, has given unstintedly of his time. Others of us have worked untiringly. We must now have some recruits in getting the final victory in this great cause.

III  
Dr. D. I. Purser, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, former pastor at Tupelo, and other dynamic churches, went HOME Tuesday afternoon, April 20th. He had been in our services Sunday and Monday night. He and Mrs. Purser had engaged in Sunday afternoon revival visitation. In the Bible Class Sunday morning, he encouraged the people to go on in building a mission. Greatly beloved, intensely spiritual, his was a great ministry. Psalm 23. John 14. Dr. F. M. Purser, a brother, with his family, were over from Oxford. Friends came from Oxford, Aniston, Tupelo, Birmingham, and other points. Dr. Timmerland, beloved pastor, led in a very comforting and spiritual service. Revelation, chapters 21-22.

IV  
Dr. M. L. Flynt, Meridian, was our friend through many years. He was a great Christian, a faithful deacon, and the head of a fine family. In his "Home Going," Heaven has greatly gained! We shall miss him for awhile until we will be with him! Psalm 23. Revelation 7:9-17. John 14. He healed many bodies, and helped many hearts during his earthly ministry! Doxology!

V  
The State Stewardship Committee is urging that every church appoint or elect a church stewardship director or a stewardship committee with a chairman. A church director or committee chairman is automatically a member of the Association Stewardship Committee.

The moderator of the association is urged to call together these church chairmen by June 1. An association stewardship director will be selected from this group. The Association Stewardship Directors will meet at the Baptist Building, Jackson, on Friday, June 11, 10:30 a. m. for further promoting stewardship over the state.

VI  
We had a delightful visit with Dr. S. R. Woodson, noble pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus. He is leading in a fine way and sympathetic in all our work. We have heard him over the radio two or three times, and he is a grand preacher. With him were Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Platt, Jr. Dr. Platt and Mrs. Platt are great Christian leaders in that church. Dr. Platt is also a successful physician and surgeon and helps us, along with many others, to stay well.

Enjoyed fellowship with Pastor Thurmon Booth, and faithful layman, Bernette Taylor, both of Terry. A fellow just could not ask for more wholesome friends. Brother Booth is one of our best preachers. His laymen stand by him.

VII  
Would you like a good inexpensive booklet on Bible Stewardship that might be used for personal reading, group study, or giving to new church members as they join? We would like to suggest for this purpose either of two books by Dr. J. E. Dillard. One is, "Bible Stewardship," the other is, "Building a Stewardship Church."

VIII  
Going to a new field, we soon heard of a young man who was reported as being pretty much of an unbeliever. He was a likeable chap! We cultivated him, enjoyed his fellowship. One day the message of Christ was pressed upon him. He stated he felt the need of something though he knew not what! It is not difficult to lead a person at that point to Jesus as Saviour. The next Sunday, down the aisle he came confessing Christ! Soon we buried him in baptism! Romans 6. He won his wife to Christ! Romans 10.

IX  
A deacon said of one, "You win that man for Christ, and many other men will follow him to Christ." We courted that man for Christ for three years. A virile adult department of the Sunday School secured his attendance upon Bible study, and he started attending the morning worship service. One spring day we were speaking to him about Jesus. He thumbed over toward the lovely house of worship, grinning as he spoke, "Don't you think I am as good as some folks you have over there?" We replied, "You are better than some folks over there." We never have defended the hypocrites in the church, and we never will. We added, "You are thinking about one crowd, I am thinking about another." Then we started calling names. Do you have some folks in Christ you can help up as God held up Job? Job 1-2. We said, "How about?" "Oh, he is a fine fellow!"

Why did he not tear him to pieces? Answer: Because he couldn't! We called at least four names and received an appreciative reply each time.

At the next night service, this man sat well toward the front for the first time. As the invitation was given, he almost raced down the aisle. Heaven came to earth again!

Years later we went back to that field for a Training Union Conference. Through the door we saw our friend. He did not belong to Training Union. It was manifest he had heard of our visit, and he was looking for the man who had led him to Christ. We slipped out and had a delightful visit with him.

This was the last time we saw him alive. We were in a revival. A phone call from the mayor of the city told us of his death, and of the desire of the family that we assist in the funeral. We do not let many things interfere with the preaching of the gospel. Matthew 10. Luke 14:25-35. Luke 9:57-62. We felt we should go. We raced across the State. The house was packed upstairs and downstairs. The Governor of the State with staff members, was there. We told the story of the man's conversion. We raced back across the State and told another great congregation how Jesus saved a man whose testimony turned others to Christ and has blessed many people! Next to talking about Jesus, we know of nothing finer to say about a person in death than his own spiritual experience. "Being dead he yet speaketh," Hebrews 11:4. We saw more men come to Christ that year than any year of our ministry!

X  
"We preach Christ crucified," I Corinthians 1:23. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead unto sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye are healed," I Peter 2:21-25.

If Jesus is to be a complete Saviour,

He must suffer every item in the penalty for sin. Whatever else sin means, it is separation from God! Jesus experiences that and cries from the Cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1. Ask Dives! He knows what separation from God means. Luke 16. In Genesis 3, we have listed items in the penalty for the sin of our first parents. One item is that the woman shall suffer. Jesus must suffer then if He is to bear the full penalty for sin! So completely is He identified with suffering that in Isaiah 53, He is called a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief! It brought a curse even upon the serpent! Jesus was made to be a curse, Galatians 3:13! Another item was that the earth should bring forth thorns and thistles. That was the reason He wore the crown of thorns — He pays the full penalty for sin. Every briar, every thorn bush is a flag staff reminding us of the penalty of sin! There will be no thorns in Heaven. The curse then has been removed! Another item is "sweat." Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, sweat as it were great drops of blood! Psalm 22:14. Every bead of sweat is a reminder of the curse of sin. There will be no sweat in Heaven. The curse has been all removed! Another item in the penalty of sin is, "The wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23. The sinner dies or Jesus dies! I Corinthians 15, "He died for our sins." What a gospel!

"It is finished!" What a gospel!  
Nothing has been left to do,  
But to take with grateful gladness  
What the Saviour did for you.

"It is finished!" Hallelujah!  
Christ the work has fully done; Hallelujah!

All who will may have their pardon—  
Through the blood of God's own Son!  
"It is finished!" What a gospel!  
Jesus died to save your soul;  
Have you taken His salvation?  
Have you let Him make you whole?

### Davis Memorial Building Campaign

Pastor Albert Sidney Johnston, Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, asks that I write you a brief word about his building campaign. This I am glad to do. Most of you know Brother Johnston and that gives you confidence in the leadership of his church. He leads some fine people in a situation of real opportunity. His appeal for aid in erecting an adequate house of worship is altogether worthy, and I trust you may respond in your usual generous way. Read the thirteen chapters of the book of Nehemiah.

Blessings upon you!

D. A. McCall

### Sunday School Rooms Added At Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Church, Simpson County, has recently completed six Sunday School rooms and added double doors and windows in the front.

Dedication services were held April 25. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. A. Milner. His father-in-law, Rev. Jack Cranford, Sr., was the guest speaker. Twenty-three different churches were represented in the congregation.

### BOWMAR AVENUE EMPLOYS SECRETARY



MISS BETTY RENSHAW

Miss Betty Renshaw, of Memphis, has joined the staff of the Bowmar Avenue Church as office secretary. Miss Renshaw comes to the church well qualified for her duties. She is a recent graduate of Mississippi College and succeeds Miss Kathrine Muirhead who recently resigned the position to continue her college training at Clarke Memorial College.

### Contract Awarded For Memorial Building At Southwestern Seminary

By E. D. Head, President

Construction on the Scarborough-Truett-Fleming Memorial Building is beginning. This beginning is the climax of several years of prayerful planning.

The low bid was submitted by Oscar W. Quisile of Fort Worth, Texas, in the amount of \$1,081,399. Other low bids bring the total cost to \$1,418,198.

This beautiful building will be located in the very center of Southwestern's thirty-acre campus, facing north. It is a building of three capacious wings stemming from a central rotunda. The three wings are: the library, on the east; the administration wing, on the west; the auditorium on the south, approached through the rotunda.

William Fleming, who inspired us by an initial gift of \$250,000, is also underwriting the library, both its construction and its equipment.

The building committee and the Board of Trustees have approved construction with faith in Southern Baptists, the friends of the Seminary everywhere. We believe those who have pledged yet unpaid will be inspired to pay them. We also believe that the churches everywhere will give such support to the Co-operative Program as to make possible a generous allocation of capital funds for this year. We are confident, also, that those who have been waiting in good faith to see if construction was actually to get under way will be inspired to come in with their gifts.

Dr. E. O. Sellers will report the Southern Baptist Convention for the Times — Picayune. He has had this assignment annually since 1924.



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## Mother's Day

Mother's Day was first observed  
by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia  
in honor of her own mother  
in 1908, forty years ago.

Little by little the idea grew until  
today it is not only nation-wide,  
but almost world-wide. Even our  
Congress by formal act has set  
apart the day and the President has  
recommended its observance.

From a sermon entitled, "A Mes-  
sage for Mother's Day," by Dr. W.  
L. Caldwell, we quote the follow-  
ing paragraph:

"Well may we pause to pay  
honor to her who, after Jesus  
Christ, is God's best gift to man—  
Mother. It was she who shared her  
life with us when as yet our mem-  
bers were unformed. Into the val-  
ley of the shadow she walked that  
we might have the light of life. In  
her arms was the garner of our  
food, and the soft couch of our  
response. There we nestled in the  
hour of pain, there was the play-  
ground our infant being. Those  
arms later became our refuge and  
strong-hold. It was she who taught  
our baby feet to go and lifted us  
over the rough places. Her blessed  
hands plied the needle by day and  
by night to make the little gar-  
ments we should wear. She put  
the book under our arm and  
started us off for school. But, best  
of all, she taught our baby lips to  
lisp the name of Jesus and told us  
the wondrous story of a Saviour's  
love."

If Mother still lives to bless your  
life, how fortunate you are! With  
a grateful heart you should be  
happy at the privilege of minister-  
ing to her life. If close by, do not  
fail to plant a kiss of grateful love  
on her precious lips. If many miles  
separate you, send her a real old-  
fashioned love letter full of those  
expressions dear to a mother's  
heart.

Should she have gone to be with  
her Lord, wear a white flower in  
memory of her who meant so  
much to you; and as you pin that

flower to your lapel, rededicate  
yourself to the kind of living that  
Mother would have you live; and  
determine that under all circum-  
stances, your life shall be one that  
honors, respects, and reveres that  
good Mother of yours.

Fortunate is that child whose  
mother was a good, Christian wo-  
man. God pity the child born into  
this world with a mother whose  
ideals are low and whose days are  
filled with foolish living.

Amidst every crisis, temptation,  
and hardship, remember that  
Mother never gives up or deserts.  
Others may grow weary and sink  
into despair, but Mother loves on  
and prays and hopes.

## A Worthy Cause

In recent weeks several articles  
and advertisements have appeared  
in the columns of the Baptist Re-  
cord setting forth the needs of  
Davis Memorial Church, Rev. A.  
Sidney Johnston, pastor. This  
church is located near the Baptist  
Orphanage. At the Orphanage are  
children from every section of  
Mississippi. Davis Memorial  
Church can and will provide for  
its own constituency but it should  
not be expected to provide church  
facilities for such a large group  
from other sections of the state.

In recent months generous  
grants is the fact that students are  
in these schools from all sections  
of state and thus, the local church  
should not be expected to build a  
church adequate to take care of  
those who come from other sec-  
tions. These amounts were re-  
served by the very same argu-  
ments also apply to Davis Mem-  
orial Church.

Pastor Johnston and his Com-  
mittee are asking all churches that  
can and will, to make an offering  
for this purpose on Mother's Day,  
or, some other appropriate Sun-  
day.

If Mothers' Day is not conven-  
ient for your church, set another  
day and do your best for a worthy  
cause.

## The Associational Missionary

One of the most important steps  
taken by Mississippi Baptists since  
we have been a Mississippian is  
the support of associational mis-  
sionaries.

We have checked most of the  
minutes of associations that have  
missionaries and without excep-  
tion the associations have better  
reports since the missionaries be-  
gan work. The financial gains are  
far more than the salary and ex-  
penses of the missionaries. But the  
financial gain is the least impor-

tant of the many others.

The associational missionary  
helps to develop unchurched areas.  
Most laymen as well as pastors  
have their week-day duties and if  
they help these areas, they must  
do it between times and hurriedly.  
The missionary has the time and  
the skill to do a thorough job of  
preparation.

The missionary can aid churches  
toward a challenging program. He  
can do so in a better way than  
most others for he is acquainted  
with all the churches of the asso-  
ciation and their possibilities.

Small, pastorless churches can  
have the aid of the missionary  
while they are searching for a  
pastor instead of dragging along  
with the work suffering and the  
organizations slowly dying.

The associational missionary  
helps promote any worthy pro-  
gram. Records indicate a general  
improvement in Sunday Schools,  
Training Unions, study courses,  
women's work, Brotherhood, pas-  
toral support, cooperative program  
gifts, and general church work.

One writer has described the as-  
sociational missionary as "the 'tie-  
in' man through whom state and  
Southwide organizations can pour  
their blessings out to the people."

The associational missionary is  
the key man to the effective func-  
tioning of the association.

Their work is hard, often un-  
noticed, and sacrificial, but in Mis-  
sissippi it is helping Baptist work  
onward and upward.

Everyone of the 21 associational  
missionaries is doing a good job  
and deserves the thanks of Missis-  
sippi.

## Mother's Day And The Baptist Hospital

Every Mississippi Baptist should  
be proud of the record of service  
rendered by our Mississippi Bap-  
tist Hospital. Often it has meant  
the difference between life and  
death to some desperately sick per-  
son.

The Hospital is maintained for  
the purpose of administering to  
the needs of all who suffer. Last  
year our hospital not only cared  
for thousands of patients able to  
pay for services rendered, but  
rendered free service to those un-  
able to pay in the amount of \$51,-  
756.51.

Much of the profits from pay  
patients is used for charity work.  
Much more such service would be  
available if friends of the hospital  
would make offerings to be used  
for that purpose.

It is appropriate that Mother's  
Day has been designated as a day  
of special offerings for our hospi-  
tal. Money given for this cause will

return rich dividends in days to  
come.

The Baptist Hospital has ren-  
dered and will continue to render a  
great service. Let's be generous on  
Mother's Day and honor our moth-  
ers by making a worthy gift to a  
worthy cause.

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## Selected Editorial

### The Peerless Book

The divine origin of the Bible is in-  
disputable. Its sixty-six books present  
themselves to use as a library of truth,  
which man by searching could never  
discover. One grand theme unites  
them all. It is the story of sin and re-  
demption. Every one of these sixty-  
six books points to a Redeemer whose  
coming would bring deliverances from  
the otherwise irreparable conse-  
quences of human rebellion. Such a  
book is without parallel in human lit-  
erature.

Nor can the power of the Bible to  
transform the lives of those who be-  
lieve it be overlooked in any consid-  
eration of the subject. The character  
of its enemies as well as its friends  
testifies as to the source from which  
it emanates. No other book has ever  
been subjected to such critical assaults  
as the Bible, and yet it remains today  
the Peerless Book of all the Ages.

It is men and women who have been  
students of this Book who see plainly  
now things they could not see twenty-  
five years ago, or ten years ago, or  
five years ago. They see something of  
the causes of our present-day prob-  
lems and the cures that are possible.

Talk about the Atlantic Charter. It  
is a fine document. Still, there is  
nothing in that document that will  
put together again and put back on  
the wall the international Humpty-  
Dumpty that has had a spectacular  
fall. But there is something in the  
Bible which, if carefully read and fol-  
lowed, will win the support of both  
conquered and unconquered and back-  
ward countries everywhere.

A suffering Saviour is the theme of  
this Book, the world's good its design  
and the glory of God its consumma-  
tion. When men reject its testimony  
they do so to their own hurt. Read it  
and be wise. Believe it and be saved.  
Obey its counsels and be happy and  
at peace. — Alabama Baptist.

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WE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, a valuable  
book for details on Baptist origin, history,  
doctrine, the present program and the  
future plans of Southern Baptists, has  
just been published by the Southern Bap-  
tist Convention Executive Committee. The  
64-page book is written by Dr. J. E. Dil-  
lard who retired last summer after eleven  
years as Director of Promotion of the  
Executive Committee. A copy may be  
purchased from the Baptist Book Store  
for 35c.

More people in the United States have  
their names on church rolls than at any  
time in the history of the United States,  
according to a survey released this week  
in the 1948 Southern Baptist Handbook,  
published by The Broadman Press, Nash-  
ville, Tennessee. The new survey shows  
that 77,804,047 individuals, or 53.53 of  
the estimated U. S. population, are now  
listed as members of the 265,845 congre-  
gations and parishes. U. S. Methodists  
report the largest number of congrega-  
tions, 40,321. The gain in church mem-  
bership for the year was 2.3 per cent  
compared with a 1.9 per cent increase in  
the population.



## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP BEGINS AT CAMP GARAYWA

Camp Garaywa opens its summer camping season on May 25 and continues through August 28. Each of the 14 weeks will bring a different group of campers to enjoy 6 days of helpful camping. State leaders and staff members present to help care for the needs of the the campers; guest teachers and speakers will come to make the entire program attractive, exciting, and worthwhile; home and foreign missionaries will provide the information and present the challenge to permeate the camp with MISSIONS.

The dates, by Districts, are listed below. All groups are asked to please come during the week scheduled for their District. If this is impossible contact the W. M. U. Office regarding another week.

#### SCHEDULE FOR CAMPS 1948

##### CAMP GARAYWA

**Junior Royal Ambassador Cost: \$8.00**  
May 31-June 5 — (Any group whose school is out may plan to come this week).

June 14-19 — Districts 1, 2.

June 21-26—Districts 6, 7, 8.

June 28-July 3 — Districts 3, 4, 5.

**Intermediate Royal Ambassador Cost \$10.00**

June 7-12

**Junior Girls' Auxiliary - Cost \$8.00**

May 25-29 — (Any group whose school is out may plan to come this week. This Camp will begin Tuesday morning 10:30, and continue THROUGH lunch Saturday — same number of services as all other camps —First meal, Tuesday lunch).

August 2-7 — District 4, 7.

August 9-14 — Districts 6, 8.

August 16-21 — Districts 1, 5.

August 23-28 — Districts 2, 3.

**Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Cost \$10.00**

July 12-17 — Districts 1, 2, 3, 4.  
July 19-24 — Districts 5, 6, 7, 8.

**Young Woman's Auxiliary July 26-31**

**Woman's Missionary Union Cost \$10.00**

July 6-10 — (Camp opens TUESDAY MORNING, 10:30 and closes after breakfast Saturday).

1. All prices quoted above include registration fee, Mission Study Book, room and board.

2. All camps begin with registration fee, Mission Study Book, room and board.

3. All camps begin with registration on MONDAY AFTERNOON and close AFTER BREAKFAST SATURDAY. First meal Monday night.

\*(PLEASE NOTE TWO EXCEPTIONS: W. M. U. CAMP and FIRST JR. G. A. CAMP May 25-29) open on Tuesday morning instead of Monday afternoon).

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO G. A.'S AND R. A.'S ABOUT CAMP ATTENDANCE

G. A.'s and R. A.'s are eligible for camp attendance under the following conditions:

1. Those who attended camp last summer MUST ADVANCE AT LEAST

ONE STEP OR RANK before they come to camp again. (A page last summer must be a Squire before he returns, etc. This rule also applies to campers who attended camp last summer from churches not having a G. A. or R. A.)

2. Anyone coming for the first time must be at least a Page or a Maiden. The only exception is for boys and girls from churches without a G. A. or R. A. Special permission for these boys and girls must be requested at the W. M. U. Office. You may write to the State Young People's Secretary or the State R. A. Secretary, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

PLEASE HELP US abide by the above regulations:

1. See that your boys and girls are prepared to attend.

2. Do not send ANYONE who does not meet these requirements.

3. Let these regulations be known NOW, while there is yet time to meet them.

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### DAVID INGRAM PURSER

At three o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 22, at the First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, funeral services were held for the Rev. David Ingram Purser, Jr., Dr. Purser had been in ill health for some two and a half years. Since he retired from the active ministry and resigned from the pastorate of the Parker Memorial Baptist Church at Anniston, Alabama, he had made his home in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Purser was born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 17, 1886. At that time his father, the late David Ingram Purser, Sr., was the pastor of the first Baptist church in Birmingham. Dr. Purser received his A. B. degree at the University of Alabama, and studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The University of Alabama conferred upon him the LL. D. degree, and Howard College of Birmingham conferred upon him the D. D. Degree.

On September 20, 1908, Dr. Purser and his younger brother, Frank Moody Purser were together ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dr. Purser was then serving as Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Natchez. While in Natchez, with the full consent, approval and help of the First Baptist Church pastor, Dr. John A. Held, Dr. Purser organized and became the first pastor of the Rowe Baptist Church of Natchez.

On December 26, 1908, David Ingram Purser, Jr., and Annie Gay Williamson of Northport, Alabama were married. They had over 39 years of life together, during which time Mrs. Purser helped her husband in all of his work. Dr. Purser is survived by Mrs. Purser, and by four children, Jack Moody Purser, Mrs. Jane Purser Brown, David Ingram Purser, III, and Mrs. Martha Purser Brown. He is also survived by four grand children, and by his brother, Frank Moody Purser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, and by a sister, Mrs. R. L. Bivins.

Dr. Purser served as pastor at Natchez and Tupelo; at Buffalo, Ky.; at Greensboro, La Fayette, Gadsden, Florence, Birmingham, and Anniston, Ala.; at Walnut Street Church, Waterloo, Iowa; at Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La.; and at Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C. His last pastorate was at the Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, Ala. During the first world war Dr. Purser served as Baptist Camp Pastor at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala., and as Superintendent of Baptist Work at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama.

During his ministry Dr. Purser served

## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

### EVERGREEN — WAYNE COUNTY

Evergreen Church is an example of what a country church can do if it tries. This good church has gone from one-fourth to full-time services.

A new, modern pastorium has been erected and a full-time pastor, Rev. W. H. Wilson, lives on the field.

All organizations are doing good work. And everybody seems especially proud of the WMU.

I had the privilege of preaching for Evergreen during the spring revival April 25-30. The crowds were good at all services. There were 4 additions.

Records in Wayne County are now listed as follows: Big Creek 8; Bucatunna 49; Clara 45; Clear Creek 14; County Line, 34; Coyt 8; Denham 1; Eucutta 1; Evergreen 14; Mt. Zion 32; Pleasant Groove 42; State Line 52; Strengthford 14; Waynesboro 120; Zion Rest 1.

### D'LO HIGH SCHOOL

I attended the commencement exercises at D'Lo High School on Friday night, April 16, having been honored with an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate address.

Prof. John F. Gibson, superintendent, had planned an interesting program. It was the most smoothly run program I have ever seen.

Other ministers having parts on the program were: Rev. Walter Raniger, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. Morrell Lee, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: Antioch 14; Athens 21; Beulah 2; Braxton 52; Coats 10; D'lo 65; Dry Creek 6; Fork 45; Goodwater 14; Harrisville 53; Jupiter 26; Macedonia 53; Magee 139; Mendenhall 104; Mt. Zion 97; New Hope 40; New Zion 2; Oak Grove 3; Pine Grive 29; Pinola 59; Pleasant Hill 55; Pleasant Valley 37; Poplar Springs 43; Sanatorium 2; Shivers 36; Siloam 2; Spring Hill 8; Stonewall 30; Strong River 32; Weathersby 5; New Bethlehem 8; Rose Hill 24; Kennedy Springs 1.

### SHUBUTA

The work at Shubuta continues to grow under the leadership of Pastor W. Harold Anderson.

All the organizations are showing a healthy increase.

The second floor has been remodelled and rearranged, thus doubling the number of class rooms. A pastor's study and a well-equipped kitchen have been installed on the first floor.

Clarke County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bucatunna 11; Center Ridge 35; Crandall 1; DeSoto 36; Elam 23; Enterprise 61; Harmony 36; Hepziah 13; Knights Valley 18; Montrose 45; Oak Grove 17; Pine Hill 27; Pleasant Grove 19; Pleasant Hill 33; Quitman 126; Rolling Creek 38; Shubuta 56; Souenlovie 26; Stone-

as pastor. He has also been very active in Southern Baptist Convention life, serving as Chairman of the Program Committee, member of the Social Service Commission, and member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Commission. He was a member of the Sunday School Board at the time of his homegoing. For several years he has been Director of the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

## GOOD WORK IS DONE



Above is shown a group of young people at Darlove where Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Langley are serving. The Langleys formerly lived in Hinds county and have many friends in this section who will be interested to know of the progress of their work. The field is in reality a missionary project. Approximately 75 have been baptized since they began their work, including children and adults, some advanced in age. They are in the midst of a building program. The auditorium will seat about 400 when completed.

Mrs. Langley serves effectively in many ways, such as nursing the sick and meeting every need that arises to the best of her ability, as well as working in the church. Used clothing and shoes, especially for men and boys, is greatly needed for families unable to provide enough for themselves. Such articles sent to Mrs. Langley will be placed where most needed. All sizes are actually needed. Old sheets and pillowcases donated to her will be used in illness and for tiny infants. Much need is found for baby things of all kinds. The Langleys feel God is blessing their efforts in this thickly settled area where living is hard, and where people need spiritually as much as they do physically. They seek to help in both ways. Mississippi Baptists Sunday school classes and Auxiliary groups or individuals can assist by sending boxes.

The church has a W. M. S. with 12 active and 12 home members. There are two R. A. and two G. A. units and two Sunbeam Bands. Subscriptions for the missionary magazines would help greatly, as few have funds to pay for them. The work began in 1938 and the Langleys moved there in 1943. If more cars were available, many more could attend. Rev. Langley makes as many trips as possible each week bringing and taking people back from church. The interest and prayers of the people will encourage these leaders in their mission.

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Dr. John Dowdy has been elected president of the Southwest Baptist College in Missouri.

wall 132; Pachuta 34; Pine Grove 9.

### VALLEY GROVE IS NUMBER 905

One of the most recent additions to the growing list of churches to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Valley Grove, Pontotoc County. Rev. Joe Boman, student at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, is the pastor and C. B. Coggins, Route 1, Tupelo, is treasurer.

Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows: Valley Grove 30; Algoma 53; Cherry Creek 46; Duncan Creek 4; Ecu 6; Endville 27; Furr 32; Longview 73; Pontotoc, First 182; Randolph 2; Shady Grove 1; Toocopola 31; Longview 31; Toxish 25; West Heights 24; Zion 20.





## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary  
Box 530 - - - Phone 2-1600 - - - Jackson  
JOAN HENDERSON, Office Secretary

### Brookhaven First, Votes to Organize

On April 19 the Brotherhood secretary responded to a call from Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, Brookhaven, and presented the work of the Brotherhood to a representative group of men from that great church. It has not been the writers privilege to speak to a more interested group. They voted to organize, asking the pastor to appoint the necessary committees.

### Woodville Organizes Brotherhood

The Brotherhood secretary accompanied by the state president, Theo. Holmes, had the privilege of assisting in setting up a Brotherhood at Woodville Church on April 8. Approximately fifty men from a comparatively small membership responded to the call of their pastor, Brother E. N. Sullivan, and attended the meeting. A sumptuous meal was served by the W. M. U., and after a presentation of the work by Mr. Holmes and the Brotherhood secretary they immediately voted to set up the organization. On a percentage basis the men responded in marvelous way.

### Brotherhoods Not Reported To Date

Corinth, Simpson, Rev. W. J. Hemby, pastor, and W. I. Hall, president.

Eastside, Gulfport, Rev. W. T. Miller, pastor and Grady Blackwell, president.

Enon, Walthall, L. S. Alford, Jayess,

president.

Iuka, Tishomingo, Jack Cranford, pastor, and R. G. Bonds, president.

Siloam, Simpson, Rev. V. C. Windham, Pinola, pastor, and Evon Thompson, president.

Murphy Creek, Winston, Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor, and Claud E. Ming, president.

New Henleyfield, Pearl River, Joe A. Wise, Carriere, president.

New Zion, Walthall, Rev. O. C. Chance, pastor and Clyde Brumfield, president.

Center Ridge, Yazoo, Rev. Mayo Brown, pastor, and Elmer Carley, president.

Newton, Newton, Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor, and H. L. White, president.

First, Lexington, Rev. L. E. Burnette, pastor, and W. E. Thurmond, president.

New Hope, Jones, Rev. S. E. Nix, pastor, and O. L. Jones, president.

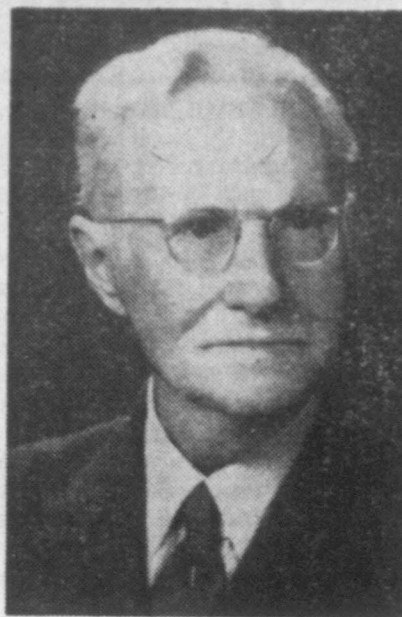
Richland, Rankin, Rev. F. L. Phipps, pastor, and W. G. Harper, Plain, president.

Centreville, Mississippi Association, Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor, and L. Z. Seal, president.

Gum Grove, Lincoln, Rev. A. P. Wells, pastor, and C. C. Ratcliff, president.

Friendship, Jones, Rev. Artis Brewer, pastor, and Lloyd Allbritton, presi-

## HULBERT CELEBRATES 92ND BIRTHDAY MAY 10



REV. M. E. HULBERT

On May 10, Rev. M. E. Hulbert, Escatawpa, will celebrate his 92nd birthday. Brother Hulbert came to Mississippi in 1900 to accept work with the State Board of Missions of the Coast. He has worked in Harrison, Hancock, and Jackson Counties in Mississippi and was pastor of five churches in Alabama.

Brother Hulbert would like to know other ministers in the state his age who have given more than half a century of their lives in the ministry.

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Hermanville, Union Association, Rev. Alvin R. Smith, pastor, and A. G. Yenger, president.

## Dr. Eavenson Leads Revival at Marks

Dr. Ira Eavenson, pastor, did the preaching and the music was directed by W. E. Barbee in the revival at Marks last week. There were 39 additions. Mrs. C. E. Day was the pianist.

Four deacons have recently been ordained. They are: W. A. Cravill, Ted Norris, Evan Mayfield, and W. L. Morris.

The architect's drawing for the new pastorium has been approved and bids are being sought. Considerable redecoration of the Church building has been done and other work is projected. A \$10,000.00 Mohler organ, the gift of the Self children in honor of their father and mother, will be installed soon, and the floors of the auditorium are to be carpeted.

The Vacation Bible School has been set for June 7th and the faculty is being lined up for this.

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## DREW HAS SUCCESSFUL STUDY COURSE AND REVIVAL

Drew Church has recently experienced two great events in its program. A spring study course was held with an average attendance of 222. Juniors studied, THE JUNIOR AND HIS CHURCH; Intermediates and Young People, THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP; Adults, PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, was guest preacher in the recent revival. Sound, challenging preaching, choir and congregational singing, and the prayerful spirit of the people resulted in great revival blessings.

# Mother's Day!

## Your OPPORTUNITY FOR MERCY TO MANKIND...

From earliest childhood we learn the meaning of unselfishness, of kindness and mercy. Ever before us is the example of a Christian mother, who gives so completely of herself for her family. What could be more fitting on Mother's Day than to honor her by thinking of others?

Think of the hundreds of people in Mississippi desperately in need of hospital care but unable to pay for it. What would your mother do if you called to her for help? These people are calling to our Baptist Hospital and to us. What will our answer be?

Remember the Mother's Day Love Offering for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Sunday, May 9.

All Mother's Day offerings to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital will be used for charity work.

LET'S ERECT A MONUMENT OF KINDNESS TO MOTHER



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

### District Conventions Just Around The Corner

Beginning Monday June 7th and running through June 25th our District Conventions will be in session. Here are the dates and places again. Still time to make thorough preparations to attend. There will be a high tide program every minute from 1:30 in the afternoon to 8:30 in the evening. Come prepared to stay through if possible. The figure represents the date in June for the convention: 7, New Albany; 8, Wheeler; 9, Okolona; 10, Macon; 11, 41st Ave. Meridian; 14, Waynesboro; 15, Picayune; 16, Goss; 17, Brookhaven; 18, Van Winkle; 21, Raleigh; 22, First Canton; 23, First Greenwood; 24, Skene; 25, Marks. Each of these host churches extend a cordial welcome to all churches in their district.

### Youth Week at Toxish, Pontotoc Co., Declared Greatest Event in History of Church

Excerpts from a letter from Mrs. George W. Owens, director of the Toxish Training Union, will reveal that program to be outstanding in every respect. "Our Youth Week has been a glorious victory for our Lord. Toxish has experienced 113 years of service for the Lord, but I venture to say that in all those years no services have been more soup-stirring than those Sundays. Even though we are a small rural church, and our Training Union young, we are reaching people who have not been attending services at any church. I can truthfully say that Youth Week has been the greatest thing we have attempted in years. . . The young people who served in leadership capacities shouldered their responsibilities with devotion, humility, and determination. . . The social which we had during Youth Week was a great success. We combined the Intermediate and Young People's departments. We expect the enrollment in these two departments to almost double after this concentrated effort. As a direct outgrowth of this week we hope to add six rooms to our church building." Mrs. Owens sent us a copy of the program and clipping from the local county paper. These with facts in her letter bring great joy to our hearts. Onward for Christ must be our motto.

### Houston Adds Adult Union

Good News! Yes, it is always good news when we hear of a new union being organized. This time it is an adult union in the Houston church. This completes their five unit organization. Brother Satterwhite, the beloved pastor, writes that this is the result of the efforts of State Department representative Gladys Bryant, along with others who have prayed and worked hard to see this victory. God's men know how to stay by 'till the answer comes! Brother Satterwhite is president of District Seven and will preside over the meeting at Okolona, his neighbor city.

### Bolivar Co. Reaches all But One Church in Associational Visitation Program

Careful preparation by Missionary M. C. Waldrup led to a victory in the church visitation program conducted

the week of March 28-April 3 in Bolivar County. Every Church except one was visited and in addition two missions were visited. The program started on the morning of March 28th with a sunrise service in Merigold, and from there on through Saturday night interest ran high as three churches were visited each night. On the second Sunday of the weeks work, an associational wide mass meeting was held in Cleveland. This was a fitting climax for the weeks work. A splendid musical program gave a proper setting for the hour, elimination contests were conducted in preparation for the District Convention which meets in Skene June 24th. Miss Hill, who represented our department in the weeks program, brought a fitting message following a brief business meeting which resulted in the election of new officers for the Associational Union. Mrs. M. C. Waldrup was chosen as the Associational Director with request to select the other officers subject to election by the association. It was a good week as declared by all who had any part.

### Main Street, Hattiesburg Makes All-Time Record

According to reports from Mr. S. C. Ray and Mr. Leo Fillingane, on April 18 Training Union made the highest mark in attendance since its organization. 500 was the goal set, and the slogan was "Every Two Bring One." Every two members of Training Union brought a visitor or new member. 514 people were present. Mr. Ray writes, "We were very pleased with the results, and I know it will mean a lot to our Training Union."

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### Webb Church Has Great Month

April was one of the most remarkable months in the history of Webb Church.

The Sunday School attendance for the month was above the enrollment, averaging 107 per cent. The Training Union attendance was also very good. There were 11 professions of faith and one addition to the church by letter in April.

Recently Pastor and Mrs. L. Frank Campbell have moved into the new pastorium. A contract for partial redecoration of the church has been let.

Many of the church members are planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Plans are being made for the church bus to carry a group of young people to Youth Night of the Convention. Pastor Campbell also plans to carry about 20 young people to Ridgecrest this summer.

This church led Tallahatchie Association in baptisms and additions by letter last year.

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Probably a record Sunday School attendance was attained by First Church, Brookhaven May 2. The goal was 1313. Those who want to know how much they exceeded that goal should look on another page which carries the Sunday School attendance. Congratulations to Pastor Miller and the good Baptists at Brookhaven.

R. E. Milam, formerly Field Secretary of Howard Payne College, and pastor at Robstown and Navasota, Texas, has been elected Executive Secretary of the newly organized Baptist General Convention of Oregon (Southern Baptist).

## Department of Temperance Activities

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Regardless of the propaganda put out by the liquor people to the contrary, Mississippi is in better condition than the Wet states. As bad as our situation is, it would be much worse if our prohibition laws were repealed.

### CANAL ZONE CHURCH PLANS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The Balboa Heights Church in the Canal Zone, which was for years fostered by the Home Mission Board but for some time now has been self-supporting, is planning to erect a large educational plant. This church still meets on Home Board property, but plans to finance by themselves the building of this educational plant. It will be a large modern building estimated to cost about \$37,000.

### PANAMA CHURCH MOVES TO BETTER BUILDING

The Redemption Baptist Church of Panama has recently rented a more commodious and desirable building located across the street from the National University and one half block from the Canal Zone border line.

Rev. Jose Prado Cideres, pastor of the church, says that since moving to the new location the attendance has improved, and that several professors and students from the University have been noticed in the audience. Although the rent on this building is more than the one which has served in the past, it is thought it will be well worth the difference.

### CUBAN BAPTISTS RECEIVE GIFT FOR ASSEMBLY

Cuban Baptists are happy because of a gift of sixty acres of land presented to them by a wealthy woman who is a member of a Cuban Baptist church. The lovely wooded section adjoining a beautiful river will be used by the Cubans for an assembly similar to Ridgecrest.

### PLEDGE FIGHT AGAINST EFFORTS TO ABOLISH CHAPLAINS

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Press stories to the effect that the Supreme Court decision banning religious instruction in the public schools of Champaign, Ill., might result in abolition of the chaplains corps have aroused the Army and Navy Chaplains Association here.

"The Chaplains Association," a statement by the Rev. Robert J. White, president, declared, "will meet any such challenge in any Congressional hearing or in any court litigation anywhere in the United States."

"The chaplains will combat any attempts by atheists, or Communist fellow-travelers who seek to exile God and deprive the fighting men of America of the strength and consolation of Divine religion."

—BR—

A survey of Methodist theological students who made their decision to enter the ministry while serving in the armed forces during World War II indicates that only 50.3 per cent of them thought Protestant chaplains were effective. Regarding the Bible, 22.9 per cent believe the Bible to be "the verbally inspired infallible Word of God"; 49.5 per cent believe in the Bible as a "volume of revealed truth, written by inspired men, who were not themselves infallible;" and 27.8 per cent think of the Bible as "a great source-book of religious insights, tracing the growth of the human understanding of God."





## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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FRANCES BIBB

Pictured above are the two Baptist students who are to represent Mississippi BSU as missionaries this coming summer. Frances Bibb, left, a graduate of Clarke College and now a junior at Mississippi College, will do Vacation Bible School and Youth Revival Work in Hawaii under the Foreign Mission Board, and Sylvia Burr, a sophomore at Blue Mountain, will do similar work in California under our Home Mission Board. Mississippi students are in the midst of trying to raise \$850 for the travelling expenses of these girls by May 15th. At the



SYLVIA BURR

State Retreat for BSU Officers at Woman's College recently, \$87.86 was raised. Eleven students volunteered for this work. Willie P. Spiers, day student at Woman's College, is planning to spend the summer in Hawaii, taking care of his own travelling expenses. Please pray for these three as they prepare to witness for Christ in these needy fields!

—BR—

Iuka Church, Rev. Jack Cranford Jr., pastor, has placed an order for an organ which is expected to be delivered within the next four months.

## Miss. College Student Wins Honors In Poetry Contest

Clinton, Miss. April 28. A distinct honor came to Mississippi College last week when the prize for the best group of poems was awarded to one of her students by the Southern Literary Festival which held its annual meeting this year at the Delta State College at Cleveland. The prize was won by Phyllis Grissom, a member of the Senior Class, whose home before coming to Clinton was Rockford, Illinois.

This Literary group is composed of some of the leading colleges and universities over the South including all eight of the senior colleges in Mississippi.

Mrs. Grissom was Miss Phyllis Norman before her marriage to Cecil C. Grissom, whose home is in Stringer, Mississippi, but who is now a Junior in Mississippi College under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

—BR—

## STUDENTS MISSIONARIES FOR SUMMER MONTHS

For the second year representatives are being chosen by the Baptist students of several states to become student missionaries for the summer. Twelve college students along with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Westmoreland, of South Main Church, Houston, Texas, will fly to Honolulu on June 8. The summer will be spent in vacation Bible school work in the island of Hawaii.

Four young men and one couple will leave the latter part of June to spend the summer on San Andres Island, off the coast of Columbia, South America. Twenty other students will assist Dr. A. F. Crittendon and the appointed Home Mission Board summer workers in California during their

## Ben Broome Ordained



BEN BROOME

Ben Broome was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry at Escatawpa Church.

The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. V. C. Windham of Pinola and the charge by the Escatawpa pastor, Rev. D. M. Campbell.

Mrs. Broome is the former Tressie Bishop of Star.

Mr. Broome has been called as pastor of Red Creek Union Church of Jackson County Association.

vacation period.

These missionary trips are made possible through gifts from college students and friends through the state student secretaries. The Foreign Mission Board and the missionaries are cooperating in this program.



These young people are representative of the 160 to 175 boys and girls making their home in our Baptist Orphanage. Mississippi Baptists are doing a marvelous job in furnishing them with shelter, food, clothing, education, moral and religious teaching. In addition to all this we propose to furnish an adequate church building to insure their spiritual development---

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## Sparks & Splinters

Due to revivals beginning now and continuing through the summer months, it was decided to discontinue the Northeast Central Pastors' Conference until September 6.

**KEYS TO THE WORD (\$1.50)** by A. T. Pierson, D. D., is a book by book analysis of the Bible. Upon three rules, Search, Meditate, Compare, Dr. Pierson builds a strong study of all the books in the Old and New Testaments. The key-word and key-verse, a brief discussion and a comprehensive outlines compose each analysis. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or to the Baptist Book Store.

Iuka Church began a series of one-hour broadcasts from the church auditorium April 24. Pastor Jack Cranford and Associational Missionary E. E. Neill, will alternate in bringing the messages, and Mrs. Carlton Woodley, church music director, will be in charge of the music for the broadcasts. This program will be broadcast every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Pleasant Hill Church, Leake County, has recently added three Sunday School rooms to the church plant. Several other improvements have been made during the past few months, including the planting of flowers and shrubs on the church grounds. Rev. Lewis Byram is pastor.

Dr. E. C. Routh, formerly editor of the Baptist Messenger and the Baptist Standard and retiring editor of the Commission, will dedicate the E. C. Routh Mission Library at Oklahoma Baptist University May 30. This library has been established for the purpose of gathering and preserving material on foreign missions and making it available to those who are interested in mission work. Lee Spencer is librarian. Over 100 books on missions from the library of the late Mrs. Hunter have donated to this library by George K. Hunter.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Apr. 22 — The Commission for May contains a picture of Theresa Anderson, Blue Mountain College graduate, who is now in the College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, China, and quotes her in part: "We have just finished our first term examinations, which in some ways proved to be a very stern revelation. I'm still speaking this new dialect so slowly that it takes a calendar to time me."

The third-quarter issue of The Quarterly Review will carry the list of all churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with more than 750 members, and also the list of all churches reporting more than 100 baptisms in 1947.

The Orphanage appreciates very much the splendid response to their appeal to friends for "EGGS." Recent contributors have been: Greenville Church, Baxterville, Rev. J. C. Watts, Pastor, and expressed by Mrs. Marshall Saucier, 15 dozen; W. M. U. of Gunnison Church, forwarded by Mrs. T. M. Milling, President, 15 dozen; W. M. U. Sanford Church, 30 dozen; Sunshine Circle of the W. M. U. of the Sunflower Church, 12 dozen.

Barbara Jean Smith age 12 of the Baptist Orphanage is recovering splendidly after having had her appendix removed some days ago at the Baptist Hospital. Barbara Jean together with the friends of the Orphanage are grateful to the Hospital, Nurses, and Drs. Lawrence W. Long, H. F. Garrison, Sr., and numerous friends for their many deeds of kindness and attention.

The Orphanage admitted two new children during the past week. They were: Melle Marie Hesler age 6 and Patsey Gale Hesler, age 7 from Biloxi.

Rev. C. W. Dossey, assistant superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, recently led a simultaneous campaign in Chattanooga and Ocoee Association in Tennessee. There were 76 churches participating with 1,205 additions, 832 by baptism.

Dr. Louie D. Newton has written a review of Walt Holcomb's "Sam Jones," which book sells for \$2.00 and may be had at any Baptist Book Store. Dr. Newton writes: "Sam Jones was, in my opinion, the most illustrious preacher Georgia has produced. And this book by Walt Holcomb, son-in-law of Sam Jones, and co-worker with him in the latter years of his life, is one of the investments I hope you will make in 1948."

Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Mrs. Mike Brogan, Laurel; Dr. Charles L. McKay, Mobile; Miss Bessie Purvis, Laurel; Dr. and Mrs. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg; Robbie Haworth, Vicksburg; Abney Lawson, Whitfield; J. F. Stuart, Poplarville; Rev. F. O. Martin, Tutwiler; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. Joe Abrams, Shuqualak; Mrs. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Rev. H. M. Collins, Houston; Rev. J. P. Bush, Benton; Rev. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Rev. O. P. Moore, Moorhead; John Pearson, Macon; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Vicksburg; Rev. Gordon Chamberger, Clinton; Miss Faye Myers, Clinton; Jimmy M. Caleb, Clinton.

The Memphis Chapter of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association will sponsor a luncheon at Lowenstein's Eighth Floor Restaurant during the Southern Baptist Convention immediately after the morning session of the convention May 20. For reservations write, phone or wire Mrs. Howell D. Woodson, 205 Dille Place, Memphis, Tenn. Telephone 48-0160.

Dr. John Caylor, editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, and his son-in-law, Rev. Jack B. Jones, minister of music of Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, assisted Rev. John Caylor, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Madison, Florida, in a revival, April 11-18. There were 35 additions, 25 by Baptism.

**ERROR CORRECTED:** In last week's issue of the Record, the word "Reverend" was used in connection with an article concerning Robert Moore. Mr. Moore is not a preacher and according to him, "Unless God sees fit to call me to further service. I shall continue to devote my entire time to music and educational work and I consider this a very worthy field of endeavor."

A period of personal dedication to Christian home building will climax the Christian Home Service at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis on Saturday evening, May 22. Following the sermon by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, on the subject "Save Our Home or Else," the entire audience which is expected to fill Memphis Municipal Auditorium, will be challenged to a dedication to the building of Christian homes.

Rev. Herbert Howell, graduate of Mississippi State College, who has had two years training at Southwestern Seminary and has done some pastoral work, is open for church work any place in reach of Blue Mountain. He has recently accepted the position as Superintendent of the Blue Mountain College farm which is known as the "Blue Vista."

According to Rev. H. G. West, pastor, material is being placed on the ground at Ingomar for the purpose of constructing a new church building. Construction is expected to begin about July 1.

Dr. J. B. Grey, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, led a 10-day revival at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. E. L. Carnett is pastor. There were 65 additions.

Linwood Church, Neshoba County, under the leadership of Rev. H. D. Hawkins, has begun full-time services. With full-time, under good leadership and in a new building, this church ought to go places. The only other full-time rural church in Neshoba County is New Hope Church with Rev. W. B. Boatner as pastor.

Rev. H. B. Ghener has been called as pastor of Dickson and Bluff Springs Church in Neshoba County. We understand that Mr. Ghener is about 35, a native of Louisiana and has had several years of experience as a pastor.

## B. S. U. PRESIDENT



Miss Hazel Rodgers, Yazoo City, who has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College for 1948-49.

## East Fork Reports Progress

East Fork Church, Amite County, has made steady progress during the past two years under the leadership of Pastor Melvin T. Wilson.

The Sunday School attendance has greatly increased, a Training Union has been organized with an average attendance of 50, the WMU has grown from one to three circles, church membership shows marked increase, a \$7,500 educational plant has been built free of debt, the parsonage has been modernized and the grounds beautified. They are now in the process of building a \$1,500 baby building.

## 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Dr. J. L. Boyd Sr.

### 40 YEARS AGO

The East McComb Baptist church reports a revival meeting with 25 added to the membership. The pastor, F. N. Butler, did the preaching.

Pastor Harry Leland Martin writes that the Hollandale church "has just enjoyed a twelve days refreshing" with Brother W. H. Morgan of Shaw doing the preaching. Between 25 and 30 professed faith in Christ.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. J. M. Metts of Flora had been called to the pastorate of the Durant church.

A revival meeting has closed in the Calhoun City church with Rev. H. L. Martin helping the pastor. Forty-nine were added to the church, J. F. Mitchell, pastor.


Pastor W. S. Landrum of D'lo reports that the Baptist church has secured the lot, conveniently located between the old and new towns, for the erection of a house of worship to cost \$12,000.

Brother A. J. Wilder says "the latest Union in the First Baptist church (Jackson) was organized last night with 25 members and they go by the name of SPIZZERINKUM."

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### OPEN LETTER FROM STATE BAPTIST MUSIC PRESIDENT

Mr. R. Lester White, president of the Mississippi Baptist Music Convention, sends the following message to all of our church musicians:

"Dear Music Friends:

"I was delighted to read in this column the announcement of the Rankin county Associational Music Festival. This publicity will increase the interest in these festivals and it is hoped that more of our Associational Directors will take advantage of this opportunity to advertise their music programs. By all means our district directors should announce the time and place of their district festivals in this column and we would like to hear something about the special features that you are planning for these festivals.

"I have contacted several music directors about their hymn-playing contests and some of them tell me that they do not have enough in their church that play well enough to have a contest. This is exactly why we are having these contests. We want to take these young boys and girls who are studying music and teach them to play hymns now so that in the future years we will not have the pianist problem that we are having in our

Churches and Sunday Schools today.

"Let's put something into our music programs and there is no doubt that our churches will reap the reward. We all feel keenly the loss of our State Music Director and we are missing his leadership. Let us not fall down on the work that he had started for us."

Very sincerely yours,  
R. LESTER WHITE  
Union, Mississippi

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR TRAINING UNION ENSEMBLES

This is a reminder to all planning to participate in the Training Union Ensemble Contests at the Associational Music Festivals that the contestants must be confined to the Training Unions of individual local churches. The Training Union Ensemble Contests are a part of our Music Program for our Churches, thus it is Church Sponsored.

It is necessary that the contesting groups in the Training Union Ensemble work conform to the arrangements in the books suggested in the 1948 Music Emphasis folder in order to be eligible for the contests. Individual interpretations are acceptable but it is necessary that the arrangements suggested in the folder be used.

See your yellow 1948 Music Emphasis folder for detailed information.

### WANTS TO CLOSE SHOWS ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— A bill requiring picture shows to close on Sunday nights during the church hours is scheduled for introduction in the Nashville City Council.

Councilman Pat Doyle announced he has asked the city legal department to prepare the bill. He plans for the bill also to prohibit "bank night" at the movies and to establish a new movie censorship board.

The proposal for Sunday night closing of the theaters is a result of the current "See You in Church Sunday" campaign being conducted by Nashville churches. The bill would require all theaters in the city to be closed from 7 to 9 p. m. on Sundays.

"Several ministers have complained that Sunday night movies are drawing members away from their churches," Doyle asserted. "I don't believe picture shows should be open in competition with church services."

—BR—

The Southeast Pastors' Conference will meet at First Church, Laurel, on May 10, according to an announcement made by Secretary Rev. J. B. Stewart. Those scheduled for parts of the program are: Rev. H. L. Courtney, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Rev. L. E. Smith, and Rev. J. W. Parrish.

The 1948 Southern Baptist Handbook shows that California has the best record for 1947 for baptisms in ratio to membership, with Florida at the top in the larger states. Virginia was the only state reporting fewer baptisms in 1947 than they reported in 1946. . . Debt on Southern Baptist churches increased from an estimated \$16,450,000 in 1946 to an estimated \$31,950,000 in 1947. At the same time, the building and reserve funds shrank from an estimated \$44,280,468 in 1946 to \$33,200,000 in 1947.

## Layman's Testimony Produces Results

Testifies

To Preach



Roy Blades

In December, 1947, the Hinds-Warren Brotherhood Association met with Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church in Vicksburg, for a quarterly meeting. The program was quite interesting. One special item was a soul-winner's testimony by one of the fine young deacons of Bowmar Avenue Church, Roy Blades. His testimony had a great touching influence upon one of the young men from Terry, namely Freddie Brister. The impression made resulted in Freddie's finding Jesus as his personal Saviour, and being bap-



Freddie Brister

tized into the Terry Church. Freddie has felt called of God to preach the Gospel. The Terry Baptist Church licensed him Sunday night, April 4. He entered Mississippi College the following week. Thank God for men like Roy Blades. His testimony should be printed and distributed around the world.

Roy Blades won twenty-seven to Christ in 1947. He is a barber, but he doesn't mind pulling down the shade and shutting the door to win a man to Christ. At one time he was a gambler on a showboat. Brother Homer Roberson is his pastor.

Freddie Brister spent six years in the Navy. He knows first-hand plenty about worldly things and should prove a great crusader for Christ as a minister of the Gospel. Brother Thurman Booth is his pastor.

### SOUTHERN SEMINARY CHOIR TO APPEAR IN MISS.

On its third annual tour, May 10-27, the touring choir of the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will give a score of concerts in five states. The concerts, scheduled for points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama, include appearances at the following places in Mississippi: First Church, Jackson, May 20; Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, May 22; and First Church, Meridian, May 22.

The group, chosen by Director Donald Winters from the larger choir of the School of Church Music, will be in Memphis for the Southern Baptist Convention, singing at the Field Workers Meeting, May 18, and on the Convention program, May 19.

Members of the touring choir are:

Gayle Major, Martinsville, Va.; Anna Belle Grouch, Neosho, Mo.; Juanita Elliott, New Albany, Ind.; LaMar Wells, Washington, D. C.; Maxie King, Canton, Miss.; Violet Moak, Rome, Ga.; Alene Cunningham, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Edward B. Bratcher DuQuoin, Ill.; and Mrs. James Ralph Noonkester, Marion, Va.

### Baptist Official Asks Taylor Recall

PHILADELPHIA —(RNS)— President Truman was urged to recall Myron C. Taylor from the Vatican by John C. Slemph, Northern Baptist Convention official here.

Slemph, editor of the denomination's Uniform Lesson Publications, wired the President that such a move was made "mandatory" by the Supreme Court's decision barring religious education in the Champaign, Ill., public schools.

Slemph said Justice Black, who delivered the majority opinion, quoted an earlier Supreme Court case in which it was decided that "neither a state nor the Federal government can, openly or secretly, participate in the

Mrs. Robert Renfro, Knoxville, Tenn.; Betty Anne Taylor, East Bend, N. C.; Lydia Chang, Shanghai, China; Mrs. Lewie H. Miller, Decatur, Ga.; Margaret Hodge, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Mrs. Louis Miller, Jackson, Morgantown, N. C.; Dolores Schmitz, Evansville, Ind.; Beatrice Collins, Memphis, Tenn.; Audrey Nossaman (member of faculty), Louisville; and Lillian Howell, Enfield, N. C.

David Byler, Louisville; Ralph Noonkester, Marion, Va.; Donald Packard, Louisville (member of the faculty); Earl Moody, Louisville, Miss.; Walter Connelly, Roanoke, Va.; Frank Forwood, Mobile, Ala.; David Sheng, Shanghai, China; and Phil Hart, Dendron, Va.

Hansford Dicken, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Howard Sorell, Hyattsville, Md.; William Scurlock, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Walter J. Adams, Ashville, N. C.; Don McGuire, Seymour, Ind.; Bryant Hicks, Florence, S. C.; Howard Cates, Burlington, N. C.; James Yates, Owensboro, Ky.; Jack Rowe, Hot Springs, Ark.; and Robert Renfro, Knoxville, Tenn.; Harriet Groesbeck, Kansas City, Mo.; Hugh McElrath, Murray, Ky.; and Nancy Thomson, Senoia, Ga.

HOUSTON, Tex., —(RNS)— Houston Baptists plan to improve their press relations. The Houston Baptist Pastor's Conference voted to hold a press relations institute here for member churches as an experiment in bettering relations with local newspapers. The pastors are planning to assemble a faculty of newspapermen and journalism teachers.

"Guide to Confident Living" by Norman Vincent Peale was the best selling book, outside the Bible, in Southern Baptist bookstores during the month of March. Best selling Broadman titles were "The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter" by Russell Bradley Jones, and "Toward the Sunrising" by Henry Alford Porter.

affairs of any religious organizations or groups, and vice versa."

Describing Taylor's ambassadorship as "unconstitutional and un-American," Slemph called on the President to act "with all possible speed."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE			
May 2, 1948			
BROOKHAVEN, FIRST	1630	226	
Jackson, Northside	333	119	
Jackson, First	1191	425	
Jackson, Calvary	1304	291	
Jackson, Calvary including			
Stone St. Mission	1354	343	
Jackson, Parkway	644	220	
Jackson, Parkway including			
Mission	710	267	
Jackson, Van Winkle	395	221	
Jackson, Davis Memorial	352	88	
Jackson, Elaine	144	90	
Byram, Hinds County	161	118	
Zion Hill, Copiah County	48	57	
Pine Bluff, Copiah County	141	110	
Mt. Vernon, Holmes County	55	26	
East Fork, Amite County	108	50	
Booneville, First	230	112	
O'Tucklofa, Yalobusha County	50		
New Prospect, DeSoto County	66	61	
Wallerville	83	36	
Houlka	74	46	
Laprel, Second Avenue	428	133	
Bruce	228	54	
Tate Street, Corinth	342	107	
Tupelo, Harrisburg Church	279	120	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	61	59	
Center	94	48	
Grenada, First	448	98	
Hattiesburg, Main Street	827	333	
New Albany	589	191	
New Albany including Northside Mission	624	211	
Crystal Springs	669	130	
East McComb	435	288	
Mount Vernon, Holmes County		26	
Chester	29		
Laurel, First	629	169	
April 25, 1948			
Calvary, Pike County	86	103	
East End, Lowndes County	193		
Tate Street, Corinth	253	69	
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	60	31	
Chalybeate		25	
Zion, Pontotoc County	104	47	
Louisville, First	389	113	
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	69	44	
Carmel, Lawrence County	141	111	
Byram, Hinds County	146	112	



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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### Young People in our Sunday Schools

This last week Mr. Philip B. Harris, Superintendent of Young People's work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, gave an emphasis on Young People's work in our churches that should have the attention of us all. We give below excerpts from his article:

1. Percentage of young people today is at lowest point in a hundred years.
2. In a few years there will be 35 to 40 per cent more young people than there are today. (This is due to the high birth rate beginning in 1940 and increasing through 1947).
3. We have now about 2,000,000 young people prospects for our Southern Baptist Sunday schools.
4. We have now only 500,000 young people enrolled in our Sunday schools.
5. The evidence is abundant that this enrollment has increased every time a new Sunday school class has been built.
6. If we reach and teach an increasing number of young people, the churches must provide more classes and good teachers for them.
7. Many thoughtful pastors believe the only answer to reaching our young people is to provide room so these classes can be established.

We must build today to meet tomorrow's needs. Many of our churches over the state are planning in the new building fairly adequately for adults, two or more departments, and this is as it should be. Strange to say, however, some of these same churches are planning only one department for young people. Many of the smaller churches are planning in the new building for several adult classes, and this is proper. Some of these same churches however, are planning for only two classes for young people, and in some churches only one class.

Most churches cannot build again for twenty-five years. Mistakes are expensive, often disastrous. The urge here is that churches will plan now for the future expansion of the Young People's work.

Re-check your building plans. Safeguard the future of Young People by providing for them now in your overall building plans—adequate space in the building, capable leaders and teachers, and recognition of the capabilities of the Young People will solve most of the so-called problems.

Before completing plans for your building, confer with your state Sunday School Secretary and the Architectural Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Much of tomorrow will be determined by the plans of today.

### Vacation Bible School:

Mississippi had last year 798 Vacation Bible schools. In these schools we had 10,600 people on the faculties. We had an average daily attendance of over 52 thousand. We had 974 conversions. The mission offering amounted to \$5,784.00. These schools cost our churches about \$21,000.00. This is the most far reaching program for evangelism. The cheapest from the standpoint of its cost, in any phase of our work.

This year we set a state-wide goal of 1,000 schools. You will plan yours now, for all of our churches want to have this fine opportunity to teach the

Bible, win our children for Christ, and train them in other ways to be useful Christian men and women. Certainly it will cost some money, planning, hard work, but any time a church plans and executes a good Vacation Bible school, it pays that church off a thousand-fold. If the state Sunday School Department could help you make plans for the school in your church or for a mission school that your church may want to put on, please call on us.

—BR—

### HON. W. W. STOCKSTILL

This good man went to be with the Lord from his home on Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at noon March the 26th, 1948. He had been in failing health for sometime and the end was not unexpected.

Brother Stockstill was born near Picayune, Mississippi, February the 15th, 1871. He was seventy-seven years of age. His body was carried to the McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune where services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, March 27, 1948. It was our privilege to be his Pastor for 15 years and at his request had charge of the funeral services. We were assisted in the services by Rev. John T. Dearing, present Pastor of the Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis, and Dr. O. P. Estes of the First Baptist Church of Picayune. A group of men from the First Church of Picayune sang very impressively two hymns. His body was laid to rest in the Palestine Cemetery by the side of his father and mother.

Brother Stockstill had been a resident of Bay St. Louis for nearly 50 years. During that time he filled several positions of importance in Hancock County. He was Superintendent of Education for eight years. In 1911 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of Clerk of the Courts of Hancock County. He then attended the University of Mississippi where he took his Law Course. In 1912 he began the practice of law in which profession he continued until he retired in December of 1948. As an attorney he was absolutely honest and trustworthy and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him.

While engaged in a busy law practice his main business was to serve the Lord. The Lord's work always came first. He practiced law to pay expenses. For many years he was an active member of the Bay St. Louis Baptist Church. He was a loyal Baptist. He was a liberal supporter of the Church with his means. He served his Church as Deacon, Clerk, and Sunday School Superintendent. In all these positions he was faithful and efficient. He put his best into everything he did. He was one of the best Deacons we have ever known. He was interested in all our denominational work and attended faithfully our associational meetings and often the State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

As a citizen he held to a high standard of righteousness. He was a strong advocate of prohibition and never lost an opportunity to let people know where he stood. He never compromised with evil anywhere.

Nearly fifty years ago he and Mrs. Stockstill were married. No two people ever lived and worked together more loyally and devotedly than Brother and Mrs. Stockstill. They shared each others ideals in all the relations of life. Mrs. Stockstill has taught school in Bay St. Louis for nearly twenty five years, and is still teaching. She is left to carry on alone until the end of the journey. In addition to Mrs. Stockstill he is survived by two Brother, George and Jessie Stockstill, of Picayune, also two sisters, Mrs. Mary Stewart and Mrs. Louisa Keaton.

As we close this tribute we can think

## Gordon Shamburger Ordained, Is Pastor At Little Bethel



REV. GORDON SHAMBURGER

Rev. Gordon Shamburger, Mississippi College Student, was recently ordained by the Clinton Church at the request of his home church, Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian.

Mr. Shamburger has been pastor of the Little Bethel Church near Tallulah, Louisiana for the past five months.

During the recent Spring Holidays, Rev. Darty Stowe, another Mississippi College student, assisted in a revival meeting. There were 21 additions, 10 for baptism. During pastor Shamburger's pastorate there have been 27 additions, 14 for baptism.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Elton Barlow, Calvary Church, Price-dale, Miss.

H. C. Clower, full time, Gillsburg Church, Gillsburg, Miss, address: At. 2, Osyka, Miss., from Clear Creek Church, Baxterville.

James Lee Braswell, Blue Dale, Texas from Nowce.

C. E. Coleton, First, Waxahachie, Tex., Head of Bible Dept., Wayland College.

R. Don Hendricks, Fredericksburg, Texas from Eaton.

Dan L. Lampskin, Mansfield, Texas from Ferris.

L. O. Holloway, Alamo, Texas from Calvary, Carsicana.

Rodney Dowdy, East View Church, San Antonio, Texas from Memphis.

Dan Smith, Warren, Texas from Calvary Church, Gainesville.

J. C. Denton, Bray, Texas.

John Hamilton, Covington, Virginia.

Carl Sears, First Church, Flamouth, Kentucky from Alexandria.

J. R. Puckett, Melber, Ky., from Bell City Church.

Elmer Ridgeway, Crown Heights, Oklahoma City from Oklahoma State Evangelist.

Fred Scott, Jr., Creek Heights, Durham, North Carolina.

Stewart B. Simmes, Williamston, North Carolina.

Hardy Stevens, Buda, Texas.

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The Orthodox Catholic Church in Greece is encouraging the organization of Sunday schools.

of no more fitting words than the words of the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing."

His devoted former Pastor,  
W. S. ALLEN

## Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- May 10 — Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Professor of Foreign Language, Mississippi College.  
May 11 — Miss Jean Lowrey, Faculty Member, Blue Mountain.  
May 12 — Dr. Mark Lowry, Training Union President, District 14.  
May 13 — D. T. Bumpus, President Brotherhood, District 4.  
May 14 — J. T. Grantham, Executive Assistant, Baptist Hospital.  
May 15 — Miss Bess Eva Schilling, Bookkeeper, Baptist Building.  
May 16 — Mrs. C. Watts, Matron, Baptist Orphanage.

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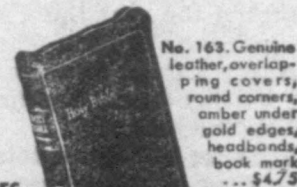
The Beginner and Junior classes at Gilead Church, Lauderdale County, will present a Mother's Day program on May 9, under the leadership of Mrs. Maurice Knight and Mrs. Ernest James. Presents will be given the oldest and youngest mother of the Sunday School class by the Juniors.

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## Dr. Carlock To Lead M. C. Faculty Club

Clinton, May 1. The Mississippi College Faculty Club, composed of all faculty members and their wives and husbands, held its final social meeting of the session Friday evening and enjoyed a fried chicken picnic supper. The outgoing president, Dr. H. P. James presided. Officers elected for the coming year are: Dr. H. A. Carlock, President; Dr. C. L. Deever, Vice President; Miss Annie Belle Koonce, Secretary; and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., Program Chairman.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of the College, spoke briefly of the successful work of the session and announced that the enrollment to date has reached 1170, the largest on record. He gave an encouraging report of the building program and stated that he expected the new Administration building to be completed in time for use next session. His report of a generous gift just received brought forth hearty applause.

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## Greenwood First Has A Good Year

Greenwood First has recently completed one of the best years in the history of the church.

During the year there were 244 additions, 90 by baptism. There has been a steady growth in all organizations; the Sunday School had an average of 459 for the year.

Gifts for all causes totaled \$41,122, a building fund has been started, and a two-story stone dwelling by the church has been bought for \$20,000. On June 1 the air conditioning will be in use.

Among the many forward steps taken by the church during the year was the placing of the Baptist Record in every church home. Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Kyzar who came to Greenwood one year ago are leading the church in a fine way.

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## GA ORGANIZED AT MABEN

The young people of Maben Church recently organized an Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary with Mrs. Everette Foster and Mrs. Hillie Collins as leaders, and a Junior Girls' Auxiliary with Mrs. Dewey Metts as leader.

The following Intermediate G. A. officers were elected: president, Bessie Will Holland; vice-president, Bennie Williams; secretary, Sylvia Davis; pianist, Bennie Williams; missionary leader, Susie Spurgeon and Doris Pennington; song leader, Hickey Davidson.

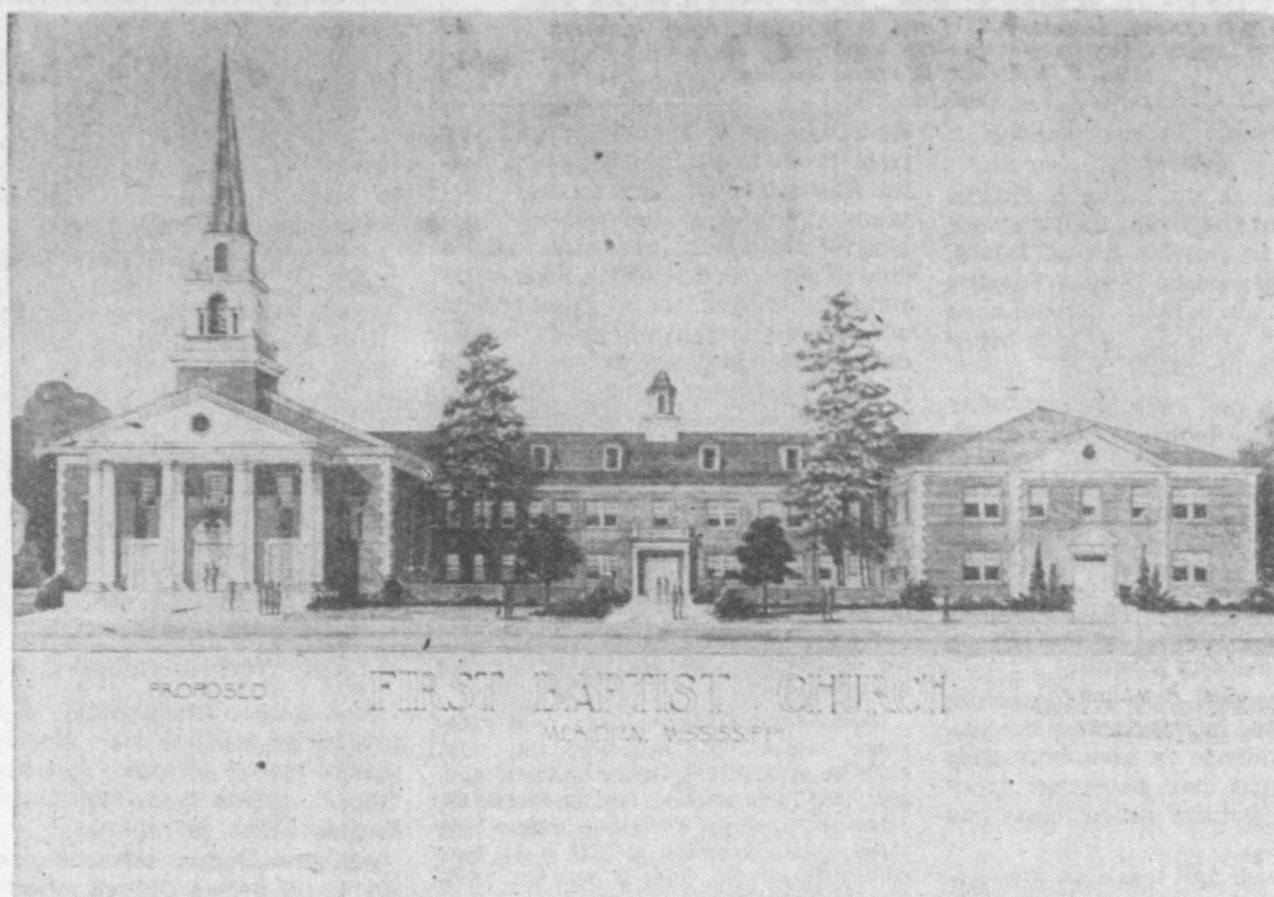
The following June G. A. officers were elected: president, Anne Courson; vice-president, Vivian Pouge; secretary, Joan Williams; treasurer Harriet Metts.

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**SIMPLE SURPRISE OBJECT LESSONS** (\$.60), by Rev. A. C. Westphal, former army chaplain, is a book of 20 easily understood object lessons helpful for preachers and others who use object lessons. The objects are easily constructed from cardboard. This book is intended to aid those who work with children and aims to show boys and girls the way of life. Orders from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or from the Baptist Book Store.

**SKITS AND READINGS FOR CHURCH AND SCHOOL** (\$.75), by Grace Ramquist, is a paperbound book. The title indicates the purpose of the book. Order from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or from the Baptist Book Store.

## Proposed Auditorium - Educational Plant of First Church, Meridian



Above is a drawing of the proposed new educational building and church auditorium of the First Baptist church, Meridian.

Construction on the educational building is expected to begin within a few weeks and will cost between \$220,000 and \$225,000, without incurring any debt. The money already

given and that received while the building is under construction will be sufficient to meet all payments.

The Sunday school building will house the nursery, cradle roll, two departments each for beginners, primaries, juniors, intermediates, and young people and three adult departments. It will also contain offices,

pastor's study, library, social rooms, two kitchens and two kitchenettes. Appropriate entrances, storage rooms halls and other needed facilities will be provided.

The educational building will care for 1200 in Sunday school with provisions for increasing the number.

## Two Key Men

By Dr. R. C. Cambell, Little Rock Ark., Pastor First Baptist Church

The editors of our papers and the state secretaries in each state are key men in our denominational life. Their positions are pivotal.

Think of the work of the Editor! He preaches to more people than any 100 pastors in his State. He helps vitally in shaping the policies and plans of our denomination, curbs wrong tendencies and influences, molds public sentiment, promotes all the causes, creates right attitudes, helps to initiate movements and promotes harmony and unity throughout the State.

No men in our denominational set up have a more vital position than do the editors of our papers. An editor sees all our causes, agencies, boards, institutions, organizations, and undergirds and strengthens them all. He may powerfully influence the message in the pulpits throughout the State as well as the thinking of the people in the pews. No wonder Dr. J. B. Gambrill said, "A newspaper can be, and a good one is, the instrument of greater good than that wielded by any man." Napoleon declared, "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

Little wonder that men of vision, balance, ability, poise, and discerning judgement, alert and aggressive are sought as editors of our papers.

The State Secretary holds a central place in the entire work of the denomination. He knows the pulse of the State as none other does. He is an executive, a platform man, a seer, a promoter, a builder. Not only does he initiate movements; he promotes them.

The State Secretary has more to do with raising money for all our State and South-wide, than any other

## FIRST CHURCH HATTIESBURG ACCEPTS LIBRARY GIFT

A donation of \$3000 to the library of First Church, Hattiesburg, has been made by Mrs. D. H. Reed in memory of her husband, the late David Holbrooks Reed, who was a faithful member of the church. The library is to be known as the D. H. Reed Memorial Library and the entire amount is to be used for books.

In accepting the gift, the church has agreed to provide suitable space, appropriate a modest sum in order to provide current needs for the library, and to elect annually a librarian. All books placed in the library are to be approved by the library committee. Dr. W. A. Bell is pastor.

man. He is the key man in raising agencies, boards, institutions, both money for our home and foreign mission work. The secretaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are distributors of funds, largely raised by the State organizations. Take for instance the campaign of Southern Baptists for relief work. That money was in the main raised by the State organizations under the leadership of the State Secretaries.

The work of the State Secretary is central and basic. He organizes his forces, and they are many. Pastors, Sunday Schools, Training Unions, B. S. U.'s, Brotherhoods, W. M. U.'s, associational organizations are all his allies. Through his organization he gets out to the last pastor and church whether it be large or small. The State Secretary's work is an ally to the Foreign Mission, Sunday School, Relief and Annuity Boards, and all our State and South-wide institutions. He is a strong arm to the editor of the paper in his state. His place and work are indispensable to our denominational life.

## Streets Celebrate First Anniversary

### 99 Additions During Year

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Street recently celebrated their first anniversary at Second Avenue Church, Laurel.

During the year there were 99 additions to the church, 29 by baptism. Total gifts amounted to \$31,548.24. The average attendance in Sunday School has increased from 372 in May, 1947 to 481 in April, 1948. Training Union average attendance has risen from 90 to 141.

A nursery and library have been added to the church plant, and an educational and office secretary has been added to the church staff. Plans are underway to begin construction on their new church plant.

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## GULFPORT FIRST PLANS CHURCH CHOIR SCHOOL

A church choir school will be conducted at First Church, Gulfport, May 10 - 14. The school will be directed by Elliot A. Alexander, Professor of Sacred Music, New Orleans Theological Seminary, and will include study courses in theory and sight reading as well as a "choir laboratory" which actual choral works will be sung and discussed.

Daytime classes and singing courses for a Youth Choir and for Juniors and Intermediates will be a feature of the school. The week will culminate with a Choral Festival Friday evening, May 14, at 8:45 when a program of instrumental and choral music will be offered. The public is invited to this Festival.

Rev. Joe T. Odle is pastor and Harby Kreeger is choir director.